

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lew, KC9NKB, at about 7:30 at The Red Cross building.

December Meeting Minutes: Marion, WD9HTN, moved to accept the minutes as reported online at CARC79 list, and Matt, KC9BWO seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lois, KA9IOS, presented the report. Joe, KA9OPL moved to accept, KC9BWO, seconded. Motion carried.

2 Meter Repeater Report: Marion, WD9HTN, reported it was malfunctioning earlier. It would clip people off and then come back on, but today (Thursday) it never missed a beat. Marion and Gary, KD9SB, decided it may have been caused by the very cold weather we had earlier. Marion proposed replacing the repeater with the old Majorie repeater if it continues, but first the Morse code ID would have to be reprogrammed from the 440 call sign to W9ALQ, the 2 Meter call sign. Gary said he could change the diode matrix and check it out. He would like to see it used for awhile anyway, because it is a good idea to use it occasionally to keep the capacitors formed in case we need it sometime. It was suggested that the Voice-O-Matic module be disconnected first to try to isolate the problem.

Hamfest Report: Matt, KC9BWO, reported letters have been sent out to previous vendors, and some tables have been reserved. The hamfest fliers are ready to go, and he needs to get the address list. The club will have a couple tables for stuff from Dave Faatz, KE9BE. It was suggested that Matt should send an invitation to Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, the ARRL Indiana Section Manager. Matt asked for someone to volunteer to run the kitchen this year and someone to man the talk-in station.

440 Repeater Report: Joe, KA9OPL, reported it is working ok, but there isn't much activity on it.

Old Business: Marion, WD9HTN, gave Josh, KC9YUA, a pat on the back for a good job setting up the new club website: www.CARCnet.net. Initially it has 3 administrators: Josh, Joe, KA9OPL and Noel, N9CJT. Joe will put last year's meeting minutes on it, and Matt will provide updates on the hamfest preparations. Josh asked for additional content submissions. Lois, KA9IOS, suggested officers, club meeting information, club activities, Tuesday night net, repeater information, and the hamfest flier be posted there.

New Business: Gary, KD9SB, offered to help people upgrade their license class – especially the math portion - either individually, or as a class. The formulas in his worksheet are especially helpful in studying for the Extra class license. You can find his worksheet in the resource center of www.midstatehams.org/ or by Googling "the most common formulas used in electronics"

After all the above was properly discussed, Dave, KF9IH, moved to adjourn. Jim, WA9TGO, seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Jim Canarecci, WA9TGO, Secretary